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JOINT RESOLUTION

Making temporary appropriations for the fiscal year 1956, providing for increased pay costs for the fiscal year 1955, and for other purposes.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and out of applicable corporate or other revenues, receipts, and funds, for the several departments, agencies, corporations, and other organizational units in each branch of the Government, namely:

TITLE I

TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS

(a) (1) Such amounts as may be necessary (plus increased pay costs pursuant to law) for continuing projects or activities which were conducted in the fiscal year 1955, and for which appropriations, funds, or other authority would be made available in the following appropriation Acts for the fiscal year 1956:

Departments of Labor, and Health, Education, and Welfare, and related agencies Appropriation Act;

Departments of State and Justice, the Judiciary, and related agencies Appropriation Act;

Public Works Appropriation Act;

(2) Appropriations made by this subsection shall be available to the extent and in the manner which would be provided for by the pertinent appropriation Act.

(3) Whenever the amount which would be made available or the authority which would be granted under an Act listed in this subsection as passed by the House is different from that which would be made available or granted under such Act as passed by the Senate, the pertinent project or activity shall be continued under the lesser amount or the more restrictive authority.

(4) Whenever an Act listed in this subsection has been passed by only one House or where an item is included in only one version of an Act as passed by both Houses, the pertinent project or activity shall be continued under the appropriation, funds, or authority granted by the one House, but at a rate for operations not exceeding the current rate or the rate permitted by the action of the one House, whichever is lower.

(b) Such amounts as may be necessary for continuing projects or activities which were conducted in the fiscal year 1955 and listed in this subsection (1) at a rate for operations not in excess of the current rate or the rate provided for in the budget estimate, whichever is lower, plus increased pay costs pursuant to law, or (2) in the amount or at the rate specified herein:

Legislative branch;

Funds appropriated to the President, Emergency fund for international affairs;

President's Commission on Veterans Pensions;

Export-Import Bank of Washington;

Small Business Administration;

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Federal Civil Defense Administration, Civil defense functions of Federal agencies (Department of Health, Education, and Welfare functions only);

Department of Agriculture, Agricultural conservation program service (wind-erosion control);

Department of Defense, Government and relief in occupied areas; Department of the Interior, Bureau of Mines, Conservation and development of mineral resources (Rifle, Colorado); Fish and Wildlife Service, Investigation of resources (International Convention for High Seas Fisheries);

Mutual Security programs, \$200,000,000, to be expended in accord with provisions of law applicable to such programs during the fiscal year 1955 and at a rate for any individual program not in excess of the current rate therefor: *Provided*, That administrative expenses for such programs shall not exceed the current rate.

SEC. 102. Appropriations and funds made available and authority granted pursuant to this title shall remain available until (a) enactment into law of an appropriation for any project or activity provided for in this title, or (b) enactment of the applicable appropriation Act by both Houses without any provision for such project or activity, or (c) July 31, 1955, whichever first occurs.

64 Stat. 765.
31 USC 665.

69 Stat. 239.
69 Stat. 240.

SEC. 103. Appropriations and funds made available and authority granted pursuant to this title may be used without regard to the time limitations set forth in subsection (d) (2) of section 3679, Revised Statutes, and expenditures therefrom shall be charged to the applicable appropriation, fund, or authorization whenever a bill in which such applicable appropriation, fund, or authorization is contained is enacted into law.

SEC. 104. No appropriation or fund made available or authority granted pursuant to this title shall be used to initiate or resume any project or activity which was not being conducted during the fiscal year 1955. Appropriations made and authority granted pursuant to this title shall cover all obligations or expenditures incurred for any project or activity during the period for which funds or authority for such project or activity are available under this title.

TITLE II

INCREASED PAY COSTS

Ante, pp. 88,
172.

For costs in the fiscal year 1955 of pay increases granted by or pursuant to Public Laws 68 and 94, Eighty-fourth Congress, for any branch of the Federal Government or the municipal government of the District of Columbia, such amounts as may be necessary, to be determined and made available as hereinafter provided in this title, but no appropriation, fund, or authorization may be increased pursuant to the provisions of this title in an amount in excess of the cost to such appropriation, fund, or authorization of increased compensation pursuant to Public Laws 68 and 94, Eighty-fourth Congress.

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SEC. 202. Any officer having administrative control of an appropriation, fund, or authorization properly chargeable with the costs in the fiscal year 1955 of pay increases granted by or pursuant to Public Laws 68 and 94, Eighty-fourth Congress, is authorized to transfer thereto, from the unobligated balance of any other appropriation, fund, or authorization under his administrative control and expiring for obligation on June 30, 1955, such amounts as may be necessary for meeting such costs.

SEC. 203. Whenever any officer referred to in section 202 of this title shall determine that he has exhausted the possibilities of meeting the cost of pay increases through the use of transfers as authorized by said section, he shall certify the additional amount required to meet such appropriation, fund, or authorization under his administrative control, and the amounts so certified shall be added to the

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pertinent appropriation, fund, or authorization for the fiscal year 1955: *Provided*, That any transfer under the authority of section 202 or any certification made under the authority of this section by an officer in or under the executive branch of the Federal Government shall be valid only when approved by the Director of the Bureau of the Budget.

Sec. 204. For the purposes of the transfers and certifications authorized by sections 202 and 203 of this title, the following officers shall be deemed to have administrative control of appropriations, funds, or authorizations available within their respective organizational units—

(a) For the legislative branch:
The Clerk of the House;
The Secretary of the Senate;
The Librarian of Congress;
The Architect of the Capitol;
The Public Printer;
The Comptroller General of the United States;
The Chairman of any commission in or under the legislative branch.

(b) For the judiciary:
The Administrative Officer of the United States Courts.

69 Stat. 240.

(c) For the executive branch:

69 Stat. 241.

The head of each department, agency, or corporation in or under the executive branch.

(d) For the municipal government of the District of Columbia:
The Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia.

Sec. 205. Obligations or expenditures incurred for costs in the fiscal year 1955 of pay increases granted by or pursuant to Public Laws 68 and 94, Eighty-fourth Congress, shall not be regarded or reported as violations of section 3679 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (31 U. S. C. 665).

Ante, pp. 88,

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64 Stat. 765.

Sec. 206. (a) Amounts made available by this title shall be derived from the same source as the appropriation, fund, or authorization to which such amounts are added.

(b) Appropriations made by, and transfers made pursuant to this title shall be recorded on the books of the Government as of June 30, 1955: *Provided*, That no appropriation made by this title shall be warranted, and no transfer authorized by this title shall be made, after August 15, 1955.

(c) A complete report of the appropriations and transfers made by or pursuant to this title shall be made, not later than September 15, 1955, by the officers described in section 204, to the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, who shall compile and transmit to the Congress a consolidated report not later than October 15, 1955.

Approved June 30, 1955.

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